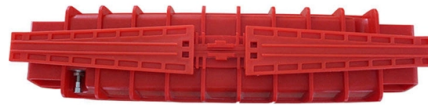


Why is the power of the optical module low



AI Overview

Low optical module power can result from module faults, fiber issues, connector contamination, or mismatched components, affecting signal quality and network stability.

Common Causes

- Faulty or Improperly Installed Optical Module** If the optical module itself is defective or not securely seated, transmit power may remain low. Reinstalling the module or testing it in another interface can help determine if the module is at fault. If confirmed, replacing it with a certified module of the same type is recommended.
- Fiber and Connector Issues** Low received optical power often stems from fiber problems such as excessive bending, high insertion loss, or damaged fibers. Connector contamination or dirty end faces can also reduce power transmission. Cleaning the fiber ends and connectors or replacing damaged fibers can restore normal power levels.
- Mismatch Between Module and Fiber Type** Using a single-mode module with multimode fiber, or vice versa, can cause low optical power. Ensure that single-mode modules (typically 1310 nm or 1550 nm) are paired with single-mode fibers, and multimode modules (typically 850 nm) with multimode fibers.
- Exceeding Nominal Transmission Distance** If the optical link is longer than the module's rated distance, the received power may drop below acceptable levels. Using modules within their specified transmission range is essential.
- Environmental and Operational Factors** Temperature fluctuations, mechanical stress, or aging components can affect module performance. High-stability modules with tight power tolerances help reduce drift and maintain consistent optical power.

Impacts of Low Optical Power

- Increased bit-error rates and packet loss
- Forward Error Correction (FEC) working harder, potentially leading to repeated FEC-EXC events
- Service alarms such as LOF, LOM, or TIM
- Potential link instability or complete failure if unresolved

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